



# City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

## Meeting Minutes - Action Only

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, September 11, 2018

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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#### 9:00 a.m. Hearings

##### Remove/Repair Orders

- 1     **RLH RR 18-30**     Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 877 WOODBRIDGE STREET within fifteen (15) days after the August 15, 2018 City Council public hearing.

Sponsors:       Thao

*Legislative hearing on September 25 (No show). Recommendation is forthcoming.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/26/2018**

- 2     **RLH RR 18-39**     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1049 EDGERTON STREET within fifteen (15) days after the October 10, 2018 City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors:       Brendmoen

*Need owner to post the \$5,000 performance deposit by September 28 in order to grant layover to October 23 Legislative Hearing for conditions to be met with a Public Hearing on October 24, 2018. NOTE: Application for code compliance needs to be applied for as soon as possible and clean-out needs to be done and lockbox combination provided to inspector.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/10/2018**

##### Making Finding Nuisance Abatement

- 3     **RLH RR 18-42**     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 947 BARCLAY STREET in Council File Nos. RLH RR 17-8 and RLH RR 18-10.

Sponsors:       Bostrom

*Layover to September 25, 2018 to determine if all permits are finalized and code compliance certificate is issued.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/26/2018**

- 4 [RLH RR 18-41](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2096 REANEY AVENUE in Council File Nos. RLH RR 17-52 and RLH RR 17-28. (Legislative Hearing on September 11)

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Attorney Erick Flyckt appeared.*

*Ms. Moermond: your contractor says, "We can get this done in 45 days" & the Work Plan shows that you can get it done in 45 days*

*-based on that, I'm going to recommend that the City Council continue the matter to Oct 24, 2018 at which time I would hopefully ask the Council to Make a Finding that the nuisance has been abated; the matter resolved*

*Steve Magner, Code Enforcement Manager: at that time, you'll need to have your sign-off by Oct 23 or earlier because our office needs to have confirmation; the trades permits need to get signed-off; then, Jim Seeger can make the final walk-thru*

*Ms. Moermond: your contractor put together a solid plan*

*Mr. Flyckt: I got an update yesterday afternoon that they are making progress; it's almost ready for the final electrical & HVAC*

*Ms. Moermond: we're in good shape*

*Public hearing continued to October 24 to determine if code compliance certificate is issued.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/12/2018**

## 11:00 a.m. Hearings

### Summary Abatement Orders

- 5 [RLH SAO 18-62](#) Appeal of Raymond Cermak Sr. to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 53 ATWATER STREET.

**Sponsors:** Thao

*Rescheduled to 9/18 per owner's request. If owner cannot attend, he may send a representative or a written statement.*

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/18/2018**

### Correction Orders

- 6 [RLH CO 18-35](#) Appeal of Betty Gruber to a Correction Notice at 671 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

*Grant to October 5, 2018 to comply with order to further eliminate odor in Unit 1 by washing all fabrics (clothes, towels, etc) and shampooing carpets.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/26/2018**

## 11:30 a.m. Hearings

### Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations

- 7**     [RLH VO 18-44](#)     Appeal of William Dunnigan to a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 754 BLAIR AVENUE.
- Sponsors:**     Thao
- Inspector will inspect the property on Thursday, September 13 and a staff report will be given on Sept. 18.*
- Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/18/2018**
- 8**     [RLH VO 18-48](#)     Appeal of Raul Torres to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy with Deficiencies, including Condemnation at 620 OAKDALE AVENUE.
- Sponsors:**     Noecker
- Layover to further discuss plans for making repairs to the balance of the items and reduce the content of the unit by 50%.*
- Raul Torres, tenant, appeared.*
- Fire Supervisor A.J. Neis: this is an appeal for a Condemnation/Order to Vacate; photos in file*
- Fire Certificate of Occupancy re-inspection Notice; Condemnation due to gross unsanitary conditions & excessive contents by Inspector Dan Klein*
- Ms. Moermond: the bldg is 620-622 Oakdale & we're looking at the 620 side*
- Mr. Neis: there were also multiple code violations within the 620 unit*
- just received an email from Insp Klein that said, "I know this is in appeals but Guardian Property Management called this morning & said that they had tried unsuccessfully to reach these tenants since Brian & I were there; I notified her that there was an appeal today & she was totally unaware; she asked if they needed to be there; if we needed anything, we could contact them at their phone number;"*
- conditions inside the unit include: excessive contents - want at least 50% of the content removed; deep strong smell of cat urine; unit needs a cleaning & needs to be maintained in an acceptable manner*
- with cat urine, people can become immunotoxic when there's a strong smell of amonia; occupants may not even smell it after a while; but immunotoxicity, which can develop over time, is very detrimental to one's health, especially to children*
- Ms. Moermond: basically, it can cause brain damage*
- the apartment looks really full &*

*-you have cat odor going on*

*Mr. Torres:*

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/18/2018**

**Staff Reports**

- 9 RLH VO 18-35** Appeal of Jacob Laliberte to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 701 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

*Check on building permit to see it's final by 9/19.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/26/2018**

**1:30 p.m. Hearings**

**Fire Certificates of Occupancy**

- 10 RLH FCO 18-166** Appeal of Asha Raleigh to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1043 CONWAY STREET.

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Grant an extension to October 1, 2018 for compliance with the items except for the chipped and peeling paint which is granted to June 1, 2019; grant the appeal on Item 5 (guardrails).*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/10/2018**

- 11 RLH FCO 18-160** Appeal of Evan Bibbee to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1060 MATILDA STREET.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Grant to October 1, 2018 for the remaining items except for Items 1, 5, 6 and 7 which is granted to June 1, 2019. Extension for window repair/replacement (Item 7) conditioned on temporary replacement to ensure windows stay open and will latch.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/10/2018**

**2:30 p.m. Hearings**

**Vacant Building Registrations**

- 12 RLH VBR 18-67** Appeal of Charnell Hudson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 134 ELIZABETH STREET EAST.

**Sponsors:** Noecker

*Deny the appeal but will waive the vacant building fee for 90 days. Owner needs to*

*order a code compliance inspection.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/10/2018**

- 13     [RLH VBR 18-64](#)     Appeal of Anh Pham to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 721 JACKSON STREET.

**Sponsors:**     Thao

*Recommendation is forthcoming.*

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/25/2018**

- 14     [RLH VBR 18-68](#)     Appeal of Jose Flores to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 802 MOUND STREET.

**Sponsors:**     Prince

*Grant the appeal as power was restored on 9/10/18.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/19/2018**

- 15     **RLH VBR 18-56**     Appeal of Gonzo Guerra, Connection Realty, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1056 REANEY AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**     Prince

*Waive the vacant building fee for 90 days to get Fire Certificate of Occupancy reinstated.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/10/2018**

- 16     **RLH VBR 18-66**     Appeal of Roger Cheatham to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1895 SAINT ANTHONY AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**     Henningson

*Waive the vacant building fee for 90 days.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/10/2018**